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Docket No. AUS920010994US1

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231Assignee Name: International Business Machines Corporation  
Assignee Residence: Armonk, New York

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

**RICHARD EDMOND BERRY**For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC PRUNING OF SEARCH  
ENGINE INDICES**

Enclosed are also:

- ☒ 26 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
☒ 12 Pages of Claims ( Claims 1 - 46 )  
☒ 8 Sheet(s) of Drawings  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

## CLAIMS AS FILED

FOR	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate		Basic Fee (\$740)
Total Claims	46	-20 =	26	X	\$ 18	=	\$468
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